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BY ECF

The Honorable Jennifer L. Rochon United States District Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: The New York Times Company v. United States Department of State, No. 24 Civ. 8747 (JLR)

Dear Judge Rochon:

This Office represents Defendant United States Department of State in the above-referenced case brought by Plaintiffs The New York Times Company and Amy Julia Harris, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. I write on behalf of all parties pursuant to the Court's order that the parties submit joint status reports every 45 days. *See* Dkt No. 13. Defendant reports that its searches for responsive records are still being conducted but Defendant expects to be able to provide an estimated search completion date within the next two weeks. Counsel for Defendant intends to update counsel for Plaintiffs on the status of Defendant's searches by February 17, 2025.

The parties will submit their next status report in 45 days—by March 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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